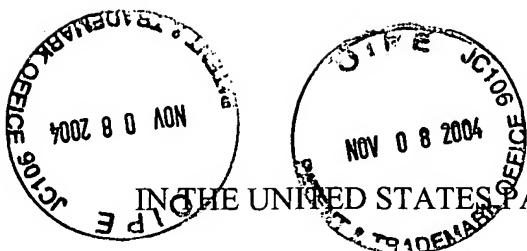


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action dated September 9, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The Applicants make the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 6, 9, and 10 are objected to, but indicated to contain allowable subject matter, and Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 have been rejected. These rejections are traversed for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments

In the drawings

Please amend the drawings by replacing Fig. 4 with the new Fig. 4 attached hereto.